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1. INDOCHINA

SVN COMMAND REPORTS 182 NVA/VC AND 31 GVN TROOPS KIA
IN THREE DAYS OF HEAVY FIGHTING 15 MILES SW OF DANANG
(WP).

IN RADIO BROADCAST, OUTGOING GVN TRADE MINISTER CUONG
SAYS SVN WILL BE OIL EXPORTER BY 1977 AND COULD EARN
ONE BILLION DOLS FROM SALES, ON ESTIMATE OF TWO YEARS
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FROM DISCOVERY TO SALES, WITH SIX WELLS PRODUCING.
WESTERN OILMEN IN SAIGON SUGGEST CUONG IS PERHAPS "PRE-
MATURE AND OPTIMISTIC" SINCE HIS HOPES ARE BASED ON ONE
STRIKE THAT REQUIRES FURTHER DRILLING TO ESTABLISH

COMMERCIAL PROSPECTS; AND EVEN IF STRIKE WORKS OUT, IT WOULD BE AT LEAST 1980 BEFORE SVN DERIVES ANY REAL BENEFIT (JOC).

MIA KIN HOLD DEMONSTRATION NEAR WH TO DEMAND FULLER ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT 1300 MISSING SERVICEMEN (WSJ). ABOUT 1000 RELATIVES AND SUPPORTERS MARCH FROM JUSTICE DEPT TO WH TO PERSUADE ADMIN TO DEMAND ACCOUNTING OF MIAS, THEN THROW RED CARNATIONS, EACH BEARING MIA NAME, ON WH GROUNDS AS LOUDSPEAKER ANNOUNCES NAMES (AP NYT, SUN).

2. CHINA

DOS ANNOUNCES THAT HAK WILL VISIT PRC NOV 25-29, FOLLOWING VLADIVOSTOK "MINI-SUMMIT" (AP WP, CHITRIB, GLOBE, SUN; NYT, PHINQ, NYDN). AP SEES SECRETARY'S "LONG ANTICIPATED" RETURN TO PEKING DESIGNED TO REASSURE PRC THAT TWO SUPER-POWERS ARE NOT CONSPIRING AGAINST HER, AND TO GIVE FIRST-HAND REPORT ON FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING.

NYT DISPATCH SAYS HAK BELIEVES HE WILL SPEND MUCH OF HIS TIME WITH TENG HSIAO-PING; ADDS THAT IT IS POSSIBLE PRC AND US MAY ANNOUNCE AGREEMENT ON SETTling CLAIMS BETWEEN THEM, OPENING WAY FOR PEKING TO BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR MFN TREATMENT. REPORTS ALSO DOS OFFICIALS SAYING THAT PRC HAD RAISED NO FORMAL OBJECTIONS TO US-SOVIET MEETING IN VLADIVOSTOK. REUTER'S SHARP, IN PEKING, HOWEVER, MAINTAINS THAT WHILE CHINA HAS NOT YET COMMENTED OFFICIALLY ON FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING, "CHINESE SOURCES HAVE PRIVATELY EXPRESSED DISAPPROVAL OF THE VENUE BY SAYING IT IS TOO CLOSE TO THE BORDER." SHARP NOTES THAT TENG HSIAO-PING, SPEAKING AT BANQUET HONORING SOUTHERN YEMEN PRES RUBAYI MONDAY, DENOUNCED TWO SUPERPOWERS AS "BIGGEST INTERNATIONAL EXPLOITERS AND OPPRESSORS OF TODAY AND THE SOURCE OF A NEW WORLD WAR." REMARKS WERE INTERPRETED BY SOME AS DISAPPROVAL OF FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING (NYT).

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WP'S OSNOS, IN MOSCOW, REPORTS INFORMED SOVIET SOURCES SAYING THAT NEGATIVE REPOSE IS BEING PREPARED TO PRC'S PROPOSAL OF NONAGGRESSION PACT, FOR KREMLIN REGARDS IT AS RHETORICAL PLOY. WHILE BOTH NATIONS APPEAR TO TAKE SIMILAR LINE ON DESIRABILITY THAT RELATIONS BE NORMALIZED, INTRACTABLE DIFFERENCES REMAIN OVER DETAILS OF TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND TERRITORIAL CLAIMS -- AND INFORMED SOURCES INSIST THAT WITHOUT SETTLEMENT OF THESE QUESTIONS, TALK OF NON-AGGRESSION PACT HAS NO VALIDITY. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S BURNS, IN PEKING, AND MONITOR'S POND, IN MOSCOW, REPORT THAT THEIR SOURCES ALSO TAKE DIM VIEW OF THAW IN RELATIONS WHILE BORDER AND TERRITORY DIFFERENCES REMAIN (CSM).

WP (PEKING) DISPATCH SEES PEKING OPENING ANOTHER FRONT IN PROPAGANDA WAR AGAINST SOVIET IN FORM OF PEOPLE'S DAILY CLAIMS THAT MOSCOW DOES NOT DARE SUPPORT NK PROGRAM FOR REUNIFICATION WITH SK, AND THAT SOVIET HAS LOW-LEVEL CONTACTS WITH ROKG AND WITH INDIVIDUAL S. KOREANS. ARTICLE, "POTENTIALLY EMBARRASSING" FOR NK, IS SEEN AS WRITTEN OSTENSIBLY TO COUNTER TASS ASSERTION THAT PRC HAD AGREED TO SELL SK ABOUT 1,000 TONS OF RED PEPPERS.

IN BOOK PUBLISHED MONDAY, FORMER LONDON SUNDAY TIMES

FOREIGN MANAGER RICHARD DEACON CLAIMS PEKING HAS SPY NETWORK IN BRITAIN OPERATING IN PART THROUGH CHINESE RESTAURANTS, WITH "QUITE ASTONISHING DETAILED DOSSIER" ON PM WILSON AND REPORTS ON AT LEAST 15 INFLUENTIAL LABOR PARTY MEMBERS WHOM CHINESE BELIEVE ARE SECRET SUPPORTERS AND INFORMANTS OF SOVIET. DEACON'S BOOK, "A HISTORY OF THE CHINESE SECRET SERVICE," HOLDS THAT AT LEAST 15 PERCENT OF CHINESE RESTAURANTS IN BRITAIN ARE PART OF PEKING'S INTELLIGENCE NETWORK, AND THAT PRC OWNS AND RUNS AT LEAST ONE LONDON RESTAURANT CHAIN (REUTER, WP).

BRITISH SCIENTIST PROF WALL, WHO RECENTLY VISITED CHINA, SAYS WHILE ACUPUNCTURE REMAINS "FASCINATING PHENOMENON," ITS USE THERE "IS SURPRISINGLY RARE AND THE NUMBER OF CASES IS DECREASING." WALL CONTENDS HIS STUDIES SHOW ACUPUNCTURE DOES NOT WORK VERY WELL ON MANY PEOPLE, THAT MAJORITY OF PATIENTS HAD ACUPUNCTURE EFFECT BACKED UP UNCLASSIFIED

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BY FAMILIAR ANTI-PAIN TECHNIQUES, AND SAYS HE BELIEVES SOCIAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL MECHANISMS PLAY DOMINANT PART IN ACUPUNCTURE TREATMENT (UPI, PHINQ).

LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES' US SPONSORS BAN FOREIGN ENTRIES, FOLLOWING VICTORIES IN FOUR OF LAST FIVE YEARS BY ROC TEAMS. ROC EMBASSY AIDE FRANK TAO SAID US INVESTIGATION FOUND NO IRREGULARITIES IN TAIWAN, AND HE DIDN'T KNOW "WHY THEY DID THIS." HE SAID GIMO "WOULD HEAR OF IT." MOVE "OBVIOUSLY CAME AS A BLOW TO WHAT IS LEFT OF TAIWANESE PRIDE," PHINQ'S WIRE SERVICES COMMENT. LEAGUE OFFICIALS DENY RULING IS EFFORT TO EXCLUDE ROC OR ANY OTHER NON-US SQUAD (NYDN). CBS QUOTES TAIWAN SPORTS FIGURE SAYING, "IF YOU CAN'T BEAT 'EM, BAN 'EM"

3. PHILIPPINES

AFP (MANILA) REPORTS GOP DEFSEC ENRILE OFFERED PCP MAOIST FACTION AND ITS MILITARY ARM AMNESTY FOR FIRST TIME MONDAY (WP).

LAT'S BELCHER NOTES MRS. MARCOS PAID EX-PRES NIXON

10-MINUTE VISIT FRIDAY. IN PREPARED STATEMENT GIVEN REPORTERS FOLLOWING HER BRIEF NEWS CONFERENCE, SHE SAID SHE VISITED NIXON "TO CONVEY TO HIM OUR SENTIMENTS, GOOD WISHES AND PRAYERS" FOR SPEEDY RECOVERY. STATEMENT ALSO PRAISED NIXON FOR "COURAGEOUS STEP" OF INITIATING SINO-US DETENTE, AND SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS "AN OLD FRIEND OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MARCOSES" (NOV 9).

4. JAPAN

TANAKA REPLACES 13 OF 21 MINISTERS IN MOVE TO UNIFY GOVT AND PARTY ON EVE OF FORD VISIT. OHIRA, KIMURA, NAKASONE AND KURAISHI RETAIN PORTFOLIOS. RESPONDING TO ALLEGATIONS THAT HE USED POSITION TO GET RICH, TANAKA SAYS ON TV PRESS CONFERENCE "I HAVE DONE NOTHING ILLEGAL", ADDING THAT "IF KICKBACKS ARE PROVED" HE WOULD RESIGN FROM OFFICE AND PARLIAMENT (REUTER; OBERDORFER, WP AND PHINQ). MEANWHILE, TANAKA DECISION TO CONFRONT CRITICS HEAD ON SEEMS TO CALM RUMOURS THAT HE MIGHT RESIGN AFTER FORD UNCLASSIFIED

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VISIT BECAUSE OF EXPOSE AND CHARGES THAT US BRINGS NUKES INTO JAPAN (AP-TOKYO). TANAKA MOVES ALSO SEEN AS "SURPRISE COUNTER ATTACK TO SAVE HIS POLITICAL LIFE" (UPI, JOC).

OBERDORFER (WP AND PHINQ, WITH PHOTO OF PERSPIRING PM) REPORTS RESHUFFLE "TO SHORE UP HIS WEAKENED LEADERSHIP POSITION". WHILE TANAKA WAS ABLE TO BRING TWO MEN EACH INTO NEW CABINET FROM RIVAL FACTIONS LED BY MIKI AND FUKUDA, LATTER'S "PRESTIGIOUS AIDE" HORI, WHO IS ALSO FRIENDLY TO TANAKA, DECLINED OFFER OF CABINET POST. OBERDORFER SAYS NEW CABINET DOES NOT APPEAR SIGNIFICANTLY TO BROADEN SUPPORT FOR TANAKA WITHIN RULING LDP. HIS "DETERMINATION TO REMAIN IN POWER" AT LEAST THROUGH FORD VISIT SEEMS ACCEPTABLE TO LDP RIVALS, WHO APPEAR READY TO ENTER "POLITICAL TRUCE, IN INTEREST OF GOOD HOSPITALITY" DURING VISIT. IN REPLY TO HOSTILE AND ACCUSATORY PRESS QUESTIONS, MOSTLY ABOUT FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES, TANAKA AVOWED HIS INNOCENCE, AND SAID TAX OFFICE IS INVESTIGATING HIS PAYMENTS BACK TO 1945 TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT. BUT HE REFUSED TO SAY WHEN RESULTS WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC. POOR-BOY-WHO-MADE-GOOD SEEMED TO BE PLEADING, ON TV, FOR BELIEF IN HIS PERSONAL INTEGRITY, WITH SOME FLASHES OF ANGER, AND ONCE ALMOST WITH TEARS. POLITICAL OBSERVERS IN JAPAN SAID SUBSTANCE AND TONE OF PRESS CONFERENCE WERE "UNPRECEDENTED". TANAKA'S RIVAL, FUKUDA, CALLED IT "SADDEST OCCASION IN RECENT JAPANESE HISTORY".

NYT'S HALLORAN REPORTS THAT TANAKA "TRIED TO SHORE UP ERODING POLITICAL POSATION BREPROMISING REPORT TO

NATION ON HIS FINANCES", AND RESHUFFLING CABINET AND PARTY POSTS. EXCEPT FOR HOLDOVER MINISTERS, OHIRA, KIMURA, AND NAKASONE, HALLORAN SAYS NEW CABINET "CONSISTS MAINLY OF POLITICIANS DISTINGUISHED BY THEIR LOYALTY TO TANAKA". HIS MAJOR RIVALS, FUKUDA AND MIKI, REFUSED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH IT AND ARE EXPECTED TO RESUME THEIR EFFORTS TO BRING DOWN TANAKA, AFTER

FORD VISIT. ONE JAPANESE SAYS OF TANAKA'S TROUBLES, "IT'S NOT A WATERGATE YET, BUT IT'S A WATER LEAK".
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WITHOUT DENYING MAGAZINE ALLEGATIONS, TANAKA ASKED PEOPLE TO GIVE HIM MORE TIME TO EXPLAIN ISSUE, AND PROMISED TO MAKE PUBLIC STUDY OF CHARGES NOW BEING MADE BY HIS STAFF. DEFENDING HIS RIGHT TO PRIVACY FOR PERSONAL BUSINESS, TANAKA REJECTED THE SYSTEM OF DISCLOSURE OF ASSETS REQUIRED OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN SOME COUNTRIES, SAYING "IT WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING -- THAT SYSTEM MIGHT NOT BE IN GOOD HARMONY WITH OTHER THINGS IN JAPAN".

CHITRIB'S YATES REPORTS THAT "WEARY BUT POLITICALLY TOUGH" TANAKA REFUSES TO BE PRESSURED INTO RESIGNING BY RECENT REPORTS ABOUT "HIS QUESTIONABLE RISE TO POWER", IN WHAT IS BEING CALLED "TANAKA'S WATERGATE." DESPITE SPECULATION THAT CARETAKER CABINET MIGHT GREET FORD NEXT MONDAY, TANAKA TOLD PRESS THAT HE WOULD MEET PRESIDENT. TANAKA EXPRESSED DOUBT, IN REPLY TO QUERY, THAT LAWSUIT AGAINST MAGAZINE WHICH PRINTED ALLEGATIONS "WOULD BRING ABOUT GOOD RESULT". TANAKA ALSO SAID THAT QUESTION OF US NUKES IN JAPAN WOULD NOT BE ON AGENDA FOR HIS TALKS WITH FORD.

STORIN (GLOBE) REPORTS THAT TANAKA ADMITTED ON TV THAT HIS BUSINESS DEALINGS AROUSED "PUBLIC SUSPICION". STORIN NOTES TANAKA FAILED TO WIN SUPPORT OF FUKUDA AND MIKI FOR CABINET CHANGES, AND EVEN FORMER MINISTER HORI, SYMPATHETIC TO TANAKA, WITHHELD SUPPORT. DESPITE TANAKA'S POSITION, HOWEVER, AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAY FORD VISIT IS STILL VITAL AS SYMBOL OF US-JAPAN ALLIANCE, IN WHICH "PERSONAL DIPLOMACY" NOT INVOLVED. STORIN SAYS TANAKA'S POLITICAL STRENGTH "DISSIPATED BY HEAVILY DOCUMENTED" CHARGES OF ENRICHMENT IN PUBLIC OFFICE; IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, TANAKA EXPRESSED "DEEP REGRET THAT MY CONDUCT AROUSED PUBLIC SUSPICION" BUT DENIED "EVER RESORTING TO UNFAIR MEANS, OR VIOLATING LAWS".

CSM TOKYO SEES CABINET RESHUFFLE AND DENIALS OF ILLEGAL FINANCIAL ACTIVITY AS SIGN OF TANAKA'S DETERMINATION TO HOLD ON TO POWER. DENIED SUPPORT BY PARTY RIVALS, HE "MANAGED TO KEEP OLD ALLIES IN LINE" AND GOT ENOUGH SUPPORT TO PUT TOGETHER NEW CABINET. HAD HE FAILED

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TO DO SO, IT MIGHT HAVE MEANT QUICK END TO HIS PREMIER-SHIP; AS IT IS, HE MAY HAVE GAINED ONLY SLIGHTLY LONGER LEASE ON LIFE. HURT BY GALLOPING INFLATION, HIS POPULARITY DROPPED TO NEW POST-WAR LOW OF 18 PCT IN OCTOBER WHEN MAGAZINE EXPOSE SAID HE ESTABLISHED "GHOST COMPANIES" TO HANDLE HIS ASSETS, AND ENGAGED IN

QUESTIONABLE FINANCIAL DEALINGS TO BUY HIS WAY TO TOP OF LDP, IN "MINI-WATERGATE". CSM SEES NO MAJOR SHIFT IN LDP FACTIONAL BALANCE IN NEW CABINET, TANAKA STRENGTHENED HIS HOLD ON PARTY BY CHANGING TOP LDP EXECUTIVES. BIG QUESTION FOR FUTURE, HOWEVER, IS DISENCHANTMENT OF BUSINESS CONTRIBUTORS.

SUN SEIDEN, IN TOKYO, SAYS TANAKA'S RESHUFFLE SEEMS "LARGELY COSMETIC" WITH INCUMBENTS CHANGING PLACE IN GAME OF "MUSICAL CHAIRS". IMPRESSION IS THAT TANAKA MAY RESIGN SHORTLY AFTER FORD VISIT. SEIDEN WRITES THAT IN TV PRESS SESSION HE ONLY "SUCCEEDED IN TALKING FOR NEARLY AN HOUR WITHOUT SAYING EXACTLY WHAT HE PLANS TO DO NEXT". IMPLYING THAT HE INTENDS TO WELCOME FORD AS PM, TANAKA ALSO SAID HE "COULD NOT TURN DEAF EAR TO TYPICALLY JAPANESE VOICES WHICH SAY ONE SHOULD RESIGN EVERY TIME THERE IS A CRISIS".

FORTY-THREE FIRMS IN TOKYO-YOHIOHAMA AREA AGREE TO PAY 11 MILLION DOLLARS COMPENSATION TO 2,000 VICTIMS OF INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION CAUSED BY THEIR PLANTS (WSJ - KAWASAKI).

MAJOR JAPANESE PETROCHEMICAL FIRMS AGREE TO CUT ETHYLENE PRODUCTION DUE TO SLOWDOWN IN DEMAND AND INCREASED INVENTORIES (JOC TOKYO).

JAPAN'S LARGEST CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT MAKER, KOMATSU, SIGNS 32 MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT TO DELIVER 170 BULLDOZERS TO USSR BY END OF 1975, TO DEVELOP SIBERIAN COAL MINES (JOC - TOKYO).

TENNECO ANNOUNCES PLAN FOR JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF MANGANESE RESOURCES "SOMEWHERE SOUTH OF HAWAII", TO INCLUDE UNCLASSIFIED

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US STEEL, UNION MINIERE AND THREE JAPANESE FIRMS (WSJ).

JAPAN FOREIGN TRADE COUNCIL FORECASTS 3.3 BILLION DOLLAR TRADE SURPLUS IN JFY 74 (AP - TOKYO, IN CHITRIB).

REUTER (TOKYO) REPORTS 54 JAPANESE PROFESSORS, COMPOSERS AND CRITICS PLACED ONE-THIRD PAGE AD IN NOV 12 SANKEI SHIMBUN, CALLING ON COUNTRYMEN TO EXTEND "COURTEOUS WELCOME" TO FORD NEXT WEEK.

GOJ APPROVES JAPAN-CHINA SHIPPING AGREEMENT, INITIALED NOV 2. VICE FM HAN NIEN-LUNG, ARRIVING IN TOKYO NOV 12, WILL SIGN AGREEMENT LATER IN WEEK, AND MEET WITH KIMURA AND VICE TOGO (REUTER - TOKYO).

5. THAILAND

AUTHORITIES SAY NEARLY 2000 INMATES OF TWO BANGKOK PRISONS REBEL AND DEMAND AMNESTY, BUT GUARDS OPEN FIRE, WOUNDING AT LEAST 30 (WP). GLOBE CARRIES UPI PHOTO OF WOUNDED PRISONERS BEING WHEELED AWAY ON CART. CAPTION SAYS RTG REFUSED AMNESTY DEMAND.

AP REPORTS JAPANESE SOLDIER, WHO HAS BEEN POSING AS THAI PEASANT EVER SINCE FLEEING POW CAMP AT END OF WWII, REVEALED IDENTITY RECENTLY TO JAPANESE SEARCH PARTY BECAUSE HE WANTED TO HEAR FROM FAMILY (CSM).

6. BURMA

NYT'S LELYVELD FROM RANGOON WRITES OF REVAMPED JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO DISPENSE "SOCIAL JUSTICE." OBSERVES THAT NEW "PEOPLE'S COURTS" SEEM TO BE SYNONYMOUS WITH VILLAGE FOLK WISDOM, AND ARE SPREAD THROUGHOUT COUNTRY WITH JUDGES ELECTED BY LOCAL COUNCILS. LELYVELD DESCRIBES TYPICAL CASES BEFORE THESE COURTS, NOTES THAT PROCEEDINGS ARE ENTIRELY CONVENTIONAL AND RESULTS PROBABLY SIMILAR TO "ARCHAIC" COURTS OF PAST. FORMER JUDGES NOW SERVE AS LEGAL ADVISERS TO NEW COURTS, BUT ADVICE ISN'T BINDING. SAYS MANY STORIES ABOUT NEW COURTS EVOKE LAUGHTER AMONG BURMESE. UNCLASSIFIED

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JUDGES ARE NOW ELECTED BY LOCAL COUNCILS, BUT COUNCILORS ARE ELECTED WITHOUT OPPOSITION ON SLATE CHOSEN BY GOVERNING PARTY, AND IN "POLICY CASES," MOSTLY INVOLVING POLITICAL OPPONENTS CHARGED WITH "UNLAWFUL ASSOCIATIONS," JUDGES REPORTEDLY FOLLOW PARTY DISCIPLINE. REMARKS THAT POLITICAL PARTIES ELSEWHERE ALSO HAND OUT JUDGESHIPS AS PATRONAGE, AND THAT OF 7000 PEOPLE'S JUDGES, 2200 ARE PEASANTS, 500 WORKERS AND THE REST GUB EMPLOYEES AND TEACHERS, PAST OR PRESENT.

7. AUSTRALIA

JOC SAYS GOA IS EXPECTED TO ENTER SEARCH FOR OIL AND GAS ON ITS OWN ACCOUNT FOR FIRST TIME, FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL

OF CALIFORNIA PACIFIC LIGHTING CORP FROM EXPLORATION
IN CENTRAL AUSTRALIA.
IN NY NEWS CONFERENCE MONDAY, DEPUTY PM CAIRNS SAID HE
DOES NOT EXPECT TO SEE UNIFORM PRICING OF BAUXITE OR
ALUMINA BY PRODUCING NATIONS AS RESULT OF INTERNATIONAL
BAUXITE ASSN'S MEETING LAST WEEK IN GUYANA. ADDED THAT
GOA HAS RECEIVED "SOMETHING LIKE 20" APPROACHES FROM
REPORTED LENDERS OF RECYCLED PETRO-DOLLARS FOR INVESTMENT
IN AUSTRALIA, PRIMARILY IN ENERGY AND MINERAL FIELDS
(NYT'S CRAY).

AP (SYDNEY) SAYS WHILE CRIME IS NOT BIG PROBLEM YET
IN AUSTRALIA, OFFICIALS ARE VOICING CONCERN OVER
RECENT INCREASE IN FIREARMS IN CRIMINAL WORLD --
MANY OF WEAPONS SMUGGLED IN FROM US -- AND SLOW,
UNEXPLAINED RISE IN HOLDUPS, BURGLARIES AND ASSAULTS
(CSM).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. INDOCHINA

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND IN SAIGON WONDERS WHETHER THIRD
FORCE CAN RISE IN SVN, QUOTES LABOR LEADER BUU THAT
NON-COMMUNISTS STRUGGLE WITH EACH OTHER "LIKE CRABS
IN BASKET." NOTES THAT BUU CRITICIZES GVN BUT STOPS
SHORT OF JOINING OPPONENTS WHO DEMAND THIEU'S RESIGNATION
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AND MADE IT CLEAR IN INTERVIEW THAT ANTI-THIEU STRUGGLE
MAY BE WEAKENING NON-COMMUNISTS' NEGOTIATING POSITION.
SOUTHERLAND REVIEWS BUU'S SPEECH THAT DENOUNCED GVN
CORRUPTION, INJUSTICE AND INEFFECTIVENESS, BUT MUCH
LESS HARSHLY AND POINTEDLY THAN BUDDHIST AND PRC
GROUPS. REPORTS THAT PRG RADIO CALLED SPEECH "DECEITFUL"
AND A PRETENCE AT CRITICISM, AND THAT NVN'S OFFICIAL NEWS-
PAPER ACCUSES BUU OF CARRYING OUT GEORGE MEANY'S
ORDERS. SAYS BUU'S CVT DOES RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FROM
AFL-CIO AND THAT US OFFICIALS DESCRIBE HALF -MILLION
MEMBER CONFEDERATION AS LARGEST NON-GVN MASS-MEMBERSHIP
ORGANIZATION IN SVN. OPINES THAT IF CVT TURNED AGAINST
THIEU IT COULD CAUSE CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE BUT, IF
BUU'S REMARKS ARE INDICATION, "THAT IS NOT LIKELY
TO HAPPEN ANY TIME SOON."

MILTON VIORST (S-N 11/11) WRITES OF JANE FONDA'S
CONTINUING ACTIVITY AGAINST US INVOLVEMENT IN VN.
JANE IS TOURING CAMPUSES, AND HER "NO DRAMATICS,
NO HIP SLANG, NO AFFECTATION" MANNER AT RECENT GEORGETOWN
U SPEECH TO 2000 STUDENTS (WHO GAVE HER STANDING
OVATION AT END) SURPRISED VIORST SLIGHTLY. MESSAGE
IS THAT US, DESPITE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS, PERPETUATES

BRUTAL WAR BY HUGE SUBSIDIES TO UNPOPULAR THIEU, AND THAT MASS DEMONSTRATIONS IN US TO CHANGE POLICY ARE OUT, BUT GOING TO CONGRESS IS IN. SHE INSISTS THAT INDOCHINA PEACE CAMPAIGN WAS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR CUTS IN APPROPRIATIONS TO SVN. VIOREST IN POST-SESSION INTERVIEW FINDS JANE "STILL NO POLITICAL SOPHISTICATE" BUT INTELLIGENT AND CARING WOMAN WHOSE CONVICTIONS, "THOUGH NEWLY ACQUIRED," EXERCISE HUGE CLAIM ON HER.

LAT'S REICH (11/11) WRITES THAT OBSCURE DEPORTATION HEARING IN LA INVOLVING SIX ANTI-GVN ACTIVIST VIET STUDENTS IS FOCAL POINT IN WIDENING CAMPAIGN BY REMNANTS OF ANTI-VN WAR MOVEMENT. STUDENTS APPLIED FOR TEMPORARY POLITICAL ASYLUM BUT INS, ACTING ON ADVICE OF DOS, REFUSES TO AGREE THAT THE SIX WOULD BE SUBJECT TO PERSECUTION IF RETURNED TO SVN. LEADING ANTIWAR FIGURES LIKE FONDA, ELLSBERG AND HAYDEN ARE RALLYING SUPPORT IN HOPE THAT IF STUDENTS ARE GRANTED ASYLUM ON GROUNDS OF FACING PERSECUTION ON RETURN, UNCLASSIFIED

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IT WILL BE MAJOR BOOST TO CAMPAIGN IN CONGRESS TO WITHHOLD FUNDS FROM THIEU REGIME SINCE IT WOULD CONSTITUTE IMPLICIT USG RECOGNITION THAT GVN IS REPRESSIVE. WITH SUCH RULING, FONDA SAYS ANTIWAR PEOPLE WOULD GO TO CONGRESS WITH "NEW JUSTIFICATION" TO ASK TOTAL CUTOFF OF ALL US AID. LOCAL INS DIRECTOR INDICATES THAT CASE WILL PROCEED "CAUTIOUSLY" AND WITH APPEALS MIGHT TAKE AS LONG AS TWO YEARS TO RESOLVE. ADDS THAT INS OFFICIALS WOULD CONTINUE TO RELY ON DOS FOR ADVICE. NOTES THAT ALL VIET STUDENTS INVOLVED HAVE FINISHED COURSES OF STUDY AND ARE NOW WORKING IN SOUTHERN CAL. QUOTES LAWYER FOR SIX THAT DOS CONCLUDED THEY WOULD NOT BE PERSECUTED ON RETURN TO SVN BY ASKING GVN AUTHORITIES AND "TAKING THEIR ASSURANCES AS VALID."

REICH REVIEWS CONTINUING ANTIWAR ACTIVITY OF SANTA MONICA'S INDOCHINA PEACE CAMPAIGN, AND WASHINGTON'S COALITION TO STOP FUNDING THE WAR THAT MAKES FREQUENT PUBLIC APPEALS FOR LETTERS TO CONGRESSMEN TO END US TIES TO THIEU. BIGGEST NAMES OF MOVEMENT REMAIN FONDA AND ELLSBERG WHO DEVOTE MUCH OF THEIR TIME TO CAUSE.

8. HAK

COMMENTING BEFORE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SECRETARY'S NEW CHINA TRIP, LAT (NOV 11) PROTESTED THAT HIS "WHIRLING DERVISH APPROACH TO DIPLOMACY" IS NOT APPROPRIATE OR EFFECTIVE MEANS OF RUNNING FOREIGN POLICY IN LONG RUN. "SPREADS HIMSELF TOO THIN;" HIS PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN NIXON'S EARLY SUMMITS IN MOSCOW AND PEKING LEFT SECRETARY ILL-PREPARED, AT FIRST, TO DEAL WITH GROWING WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS. WITH HIS MARATHON SWING THROUGH SOVIET, S. ASIA

AND ME TO BE FOLLOWED BY RUSHING OFF WITH FORD TO JAPAN,
SK AND VLADIVOSTOK, LAT ASKS: "WHEN DOES THE MAN HAVE
TIME TO THINK?"

9. CHINA

HEARST'S KINGBURY SMITH, IN ROME, DENOUNCES PRC'S
PARTICIPATION IN "THIRD WORLD" ATTEMPT AT WORLD FOOD

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CONFERENCE TO BLAME US AND WEST FOR PLIGHT OF BACKWARD
COUNTRIES AND PRC'S SEIZING ON OCCASION TO PROMOTE CLAIM
TO LEADERSHIP OF DEVELOPING STATES. "IT REMINDED ME
OF THE TIME I WAS IN KENYA WHEN PEKING BROADCAST NATIVE
LANGUAGE ASSURANCES TO THE BLACK AFRICANS THAT CHINA
WOULD ONE DAY LEAD THE POOR COLORED RACES IN CONQUEST
OF THE WESTERN WHITE WORLD. JUST AS IN THOSE BROADCASTS,
SO AT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, PEKING LINKED RUSSIA
WITH THE WEST" (BALTO N-A, NOV 11).

ROC INFORMATION SERVICE DIRECTOR STANWAY CHENG, IN LETTER
TO LAT (NOV 11), TAKES ISSUES WITH ELEGANT'S OCT 21
ARTICLE ON FREEDOM IN ROC. ARGUES THAT ELEGANT VIEWED
ROC IN US CONTEXT, AND FAILED TO REALIZE THAT "WE ARE
SO EXPOSED TO COMMUNIST DANGER THAT IF WE SHOULD ALLOW
THE LOOSELY GUARDED AMERICAN BRAND OF FREEDOM TO EXIST
IN TAIWAN, WE MAY NOT HAVE FREEDOM AT ALL...IN TAIWAN,
SECURITY AND STABILITY ARE OUR FOREMOST CONCERNS" AND
FREEDOM IS ENJOYED THERE CONSISTENT WITH THESE FACTORS;
MOREOVER, PEOPLE OF ROC HAVE NO DESIRE FOR WESTERN "BRAND
OF FREEDOM OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH PERMISSIVENESS TO PREVAIL
IN OUR COUNTRY." KISSINGER

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